

## **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

In complete response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005, on the above identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 6 – 21 are pending in this application.

With this amendment, claims 6 – 21 are cancelled. Claims 22 – 25 are added to further define the invention. The Specification is also amended.

### **Claim Objections Under 37 CFR 1.75 (c):**

Claims 7 – 9, and 16 – 18 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 (c), for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. With this amendment, claims 7 – 9, and 16 – 18 are cancelled. The Applicants respectfully contend that due to the aforementioned claim cancellations, the objection under 37 CFR 1.75 (c) is now moot.

### **Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112:**

Claims 6 – 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. With this amendment, claims 6 – 21 are cancelled. The Applicants respectfully contend that due to the aforementioned claim cancellations, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is now moot.

### **Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b):**

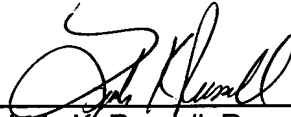
Claims 6 -21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as having been anticipated by Bland et al. (US 2895747). With this amendment, claims 6 – 21 are cancelled. The Applicants respectfully contend that due to the aforementioned claim cancellations and the new claims added, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) is now moot.

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## CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of this application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



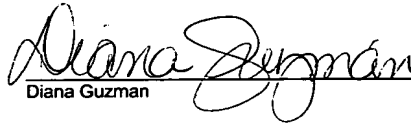
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